(c) to (e) Government has not yet released any financial grant to Mumbai for Dharavi slum. However, an allocation of Rs. 75 crore has been made by the Planning Commission for this purpose in the current financial year, *i.e.* 2004-05.

Wastage of drinking water in Delhi

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 40 per cent of drinking water in NCT of Delhi is wasted every year and the local agencies are unable to take any remedial steps;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are losing lot of revenue on account of wasted water, and if so, the details thereof during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that out of 40 per cent, losses of drinking water which is referred to as non-revenue water', 20 per cent losses represents free water supply through Public Stand Post, Water Tankers etc. and the remaining 20 per cent includes transmission and distribution losses, leakages on the DJB lines as well as service pipes of the consumers, unauthorised connections etc.

It has been stated by the DJB that it is not feasible to have a leak proof distribution system. The reasons for leakages are stated to be intermittent supply, large scale on-line boosters by consumers, unauthorised tapping directly on the mains, leakages from joints due to movement caused by traffic loading, water hammer, air valves not being operational, old encrusted house service connections and the existing distribution system which was laid about 25-30 years ago. However, detection of leakages is done continuously by DJB. Last year 28324 major and minor leakages were repaired.

The approximate revenue losses on account of wastage of water due to leakage etc. during the last two years stated to be about Rs. 32 crore per annum.